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Strong party call for unity after Mao dies, aged 82 Struggle for leadership to intensify

Ford: Won't force peace in M-E

LEIA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Standing on the steps of the White House, President Ford addressed a Jewish audience today, to enthusiastic applause, that there would be no "peace in the Middle East" until the "peace process" is in place. Ford, who has been conducting his campaign from the White House, seemed more relaxed and at ease than he has been in the past. He spoke of a "peace process" that would be based on the "peace process" and not on the "peace process".



Chinese stand in silent tribute after Mao Tse-tung's death. The scene was at Peking's Tiananmen Square, where violent riots erupted five months ago in the aftermath of Premier Chou En-lai's death. (UPI telephoto)

The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party issued an appeal for unity yesterday as the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung left a gaping hole in the leadership of the world's most populous nation. The Central Committee ordered a mourning period to last until a memorial rally in Peking on September 18. The rally will begin with all Chinese "wherever they are" standing in silent tribute for three minutes, the Central Committee said.



Chairman Mao Tse-tung, in a photo filed from Peking in 1974. (UPI telephoto)

A creative aliyah ethic

and Israel Jewry together... an aliyah ethic based... that will guide us... writes MOSHE KORN

Solo to sit police

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem — Solo, the police officer who was the first to be arrested in the recent wave of protests, is now being held in custody. The police are looking for more information about the protests.

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POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
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Higher car insurance seen

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV — The 100 per cent increase in third-party insurance rates, which takes effect September 26, "is not the final word," the rates are expected to rise even higher, perhaps much higher, as the new system is tested in actual practice. This was stated yesterday by Michael Zeltner, general secretary of the Fund for Road Victim Compensation (Karnit), an organization set up by all the insurance companies to compensate any person hit by a vehicle whose driver lacks insurance.

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GULF ISSUE TO BE SETTLED
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The Gulf of Suez oil-rig issue outstanding between Israel and the U.S. will probably be settled within the coming week. Wednesday's meeting in Tel Aviv between Prime Minister Rabin and U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon is said to have paved the way for a compromise solution which will obviate further brush in mid-right, and it will not permit exploitation should oil be found below the sea bed.

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Location	Yesterday's High-Low	Today's High-Low
Jerusalem	21-16	22-17
Haifa	24-18	25-19
Nahariya	21-15	22-16
Safed	19-14	20-15
Haifa Port	20-15	21-16
Tiberias	18-13	19-14
Nazareth	18-13	19-14
Afula	22-16	23-17
Shomron	22-16	23-17
Tel Aviv	25-19	26-20
B-G Airport	24-18	25-19
Jericho	20-15	21-16
Gaza	22-16	23-17
Be'er Sheva	23-17	24-18
Eilat	28-22	29-23
Tiran	29-23	30-24

Social and Personal

A reception was held at Beit Sokolov in Tel Aviv yesterday to mark the publication of "Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch's book, "One Long War." The book deals with Israel's armed conflicts with the Arabs.

The Jerusalem Sephardi Committee, the Sephardi Federation in Israel and the management of Jerusalem's Migav Lachad Hospital held a farewell reception on Wednesday at Beit Shalom in the Capital for Solomon Seruya, about to take up his post as ambassador to the Philippines.

The director of the World ORT Union, M. Braude, and Joseph Haim, director of ORT Israel, participated in a ceremony yesterday at Vilna House in Tel Aviv, commemorating the organization's teachers, students and graduates killed during the Nazi Holocaust.

The Daily Newspaper Publishers Association, at its annual meeting yesterday, elected a board composed of Shabtai Himmelfarb, Noah Moses, Aharon Kraus, Y. Karmi, Gutman Rabinowitz, Zvi Ra'anan (of The Jerusalem Post) and Amos Schocken.

Manufacturers Association president Abraham Shavit will speak on "The Economy - Whither?" at the Haifa Engineers Forum, 1 p.m. today.

30th Annual WIZO Bazaar - festive opening Saturday, September 11, 8.30 p.m. Open daily 9.30 a.m. to 9 p.m., until Tuesday, September 14. Outstanding bargains, handicrafts, entertainment for all. Come and enjoy. WIZO, 50 Rehov Moriah, Haifa.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Jdud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Rabbi Yehuda Anshecher and Alex Levine, settler from South Africa.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 9 p.m. Speakers will be Rabbi Dr. S.B. Lehmann and Binjamin Avi-Lea of the Foreign Ministry. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the singing of zimrot. A Melave Malka programme will be held tomorrow at the same place at 8.45 p.m. with Rabbi David Telsner as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will give a recital and a film will be shown. The public is invited for both occasions.

Mr. S. Harnatz, director-general of ORT in Israel, is staying at the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel.

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BIRTH
SEGEV - To Ruth and Shlomo Segov (Sabbagh), on Wednesday, September 8, 1976, at the Hadassah Maternity Hospital, a daughter; granddaughter to Chava and Ya'acov Lichtstein and to Shulamit and Yitzhak Sabbagh of Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS
Ruth Eisenberg, president of Women's American ORT, for the dedication of the ORT School of Engineering in Jerusalem.

DEPARTURES
Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren for a week's visit to Zurich on behalf of the United Israel Appeal, and to London, where he will be guest at a convention of the British rabbinate (by El Al).

A memorial service and tombstone dedication for the late
EDA CASHMAN
formerly of Melbourne, Australia
will be held on Sunday, September 12, 1976
at 4 p.m. at Har Hamenuchot, Jerusalem.
We will meet at the gate.
In the name of the family,
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The unveiling of the tombstone
and a memorial service for the late
Professor JAY Y. TABB
will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 12, 1976
at the Arad Cemetery.
Friends and relatives will leave for the Cemetery from
14 Rehov Shalva, Arad.
JEAN TABB

Koenig report receives wide support in North

By YOEL DAE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH - Northern District Representative, Yisrael Koenig, who has borne the brunt of the attack for the document that bears his name on the Arab minority, has unexpectedly received wide public backing and acclaim in the North. The heads of local authorities, political dignitaries, government officials, rabbis and kibbutz members (said to include even some from Mapam) have expressed total or qualified approval of the report. According to some of its findings, as published in the Mapam daily "Al Hamishmar," the report suggests measures to minimize Arab influence in Galilee. The document also predicts a 51 per cent Arab majority in the area by 1978. The report was prepared in collaboration with Labour Party officials.

Some people in the North, who have reservations on its recommendations, have found some of the facts incontestable, such as the increase of less than 800 Jews in Galilee as against 9,000 Arabs during 1975. The opposition to the Koenig report is led by the Rakah-dominated municipal council of this town. It has tried to persuade the heads of other local authorities in Galilee to join in a demand for a public inquiry into "the conduct of Yisrael Koenig."

Some observers speculate that the findings may have been published to torpedo the appointment of Zvi Alderdy, Migdal Ha'emek Local Council chairman and reportedly one of the document's authors, to the important post of head of the Labour Party's Arab Department.

Until now the post was held by Mordechai Allon, mayor of Upper Nazareth.

Among those who led the public assault on Koenig were Tourism Minister Moshe Kol and the secretary of the Union of Local Authorities, Ze'ev Mellon.

The Interior Ministry's Director-General, Haim Kubersky, criticized Mellon yesterday for awarding marks to civil servants and setting himself up as judge of Koenig's conduct. Mellon's radio interview on Wednesday was unauthorised and will be taken up by Kubersky with the chairman of the Union of Local Authorities, Pinhas Eylon. Commenting yesterday, Eylon told The Jerusalem Post he had informed Kubersky that the union has no intention of getting involved in this controversy in any way whatever. We plan to take no position on the content of the Koenig report or on the question of whether he (Koenig) should stay on in his post," Eylon said. He added that the issue had been raised at yesterday's union executive meeting.

Eylon stressed that Mellon's statement was made not in his capacity as a union official but as a private citizen, not reflecting the Union's stand.

Mellon said in the radio interview that Arab local authorities in the North had complained that Koenig was discriminating against them, especially in allocation of funds.

Mellon added that, following the leaking of the report, he could not see how Koenig could carry on in his job.

Meanwhile, the committee of Arab local council heads, meeting in Nazareth yesterday, called on Israel's policy-makers to take steps against the Northern District Representative and to reject the plans contained in his report.

A cable in this spirit was sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Interior and the chairman of the Union of Local Authorities.

In their message, the local council heads accused Koenig of inciting against the Arab people and of causing unprecedented harm to a portion of the country's citizenry.

Local authorities group rescinds resignations

By SARAH BONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV - The Union of Local Authorities Executive yesterday officially voted itself back into office. The 29 mayors who comprise it approved a proposal that they rescind their resignations of last month.

The proposal came from union chairman Holon Mayor Pinhas Eylon, who explained that the government has promised to make good its financial obligations. The union's executive had resigned over the Treasury's tardiness in handing over to the cities' some IL300m. still owed them from 1975, as well as allowances in providing funds due for this year.

At the end of last month union representatives, headed by Eylon, hammered out an agreement with the Finance and Interior Ministers. Under this, the Government would turn over to the cities IL200m. of the allocations due them this month, and would see to it that the rest was paid in October.

The Interior Minister at the time also undertook to see that the Education Ministry reimburse the cities on time for services which the municipalities had rendered the public on its behalf.

Following this agreement, Eylon announced that he would recommend that the executive rescind its resignations. The reversal came one day before the Knesset was to take up a Likud motion on the dispute between the Government and the local authorities.

Lebanese want army to check up on their traders

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA - Councils of Christian villages in south Lebanon have asked the Israeli army to authorize trade only with Lebanese merchants who will undertake to ensure supply first of all to their own villages, it was learned yesterday.

Lebanese Christians charged yesterday that most of the goods being sold in the booming trade that has developed along the border are either being hoarded by Lebanese speculators or trucked up to Moslems in the north, where they can be sold at higher prices.

A Maronite priest said some merchants were not even trying to sell their goods to their own kind, and said that Israel's goodwill was sometimes being abused to make profits.

Many Lebanese merchants, it is said, ask their Israeli colleagues to deliver their goods without labels.

An East Jerusalem merchant at the Metulla apple orchard said that the Lebanese who come to buy Israeli goods at the border points are sophisticated enough to assess the value of supplies not only in the immediate southern area but in other parts of Lebanon as well.

Many of the Lebanese helping yesterday to transfer goods onto Lebanese tractors and trucks were youngsters aged 14-16, dressed in olive-green Lebanese uniforms.

One of the youngsters, who wore lieutenant's insignia, said "We and my men, we are members of El-Assal (the Lion Cubs), a pre-military organization of the Christians. We can operate F-15 assault rifles, Browning machineguns, German Sal rifles and hand grenades. We are taking part in defending our villages."

He added that he and his men were working as loaders for a Lebanese merchant in order to finance their activities. An older Christian told the laughing Israeli bystanders, "Don't laugh. These young Crusaders are tough warriors."

Meanwhile, Lebanese have begun asking that Israel make welfare payments to them. Showing themselves well acquainted with Israeli social-benefits law, they say they should have the same benefits as those Israel provides on the West Bank.

In addition, south Lebanese have asked for a telephone link that would enable them to dial Israel and abroad. They want the line to connect Israeli merchants and hospitals, and relatives in the U.S. and Europe.

'Herzliya' released bank-vault

By SHOSHANA BIR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV - The "Herzliya" remanded Tuesday in connection with spectacular robbery at Discount Bank in Ramat released after a two-day detention. During that time, it passed a lie-detector test.

The man, whose name has not been released, told The Post he had no idea of the deposit statement of the bank, the main suspect in the robbery.

"I told them I had it, but I do not have never met him made any transaction through any agent man said."

A magistrate yesterday released him on IL50.

Claim min Dimona by

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEN-SHERA - A 17-year-old girl, Dimona, was released from the police. She has been in custody since she was brought to the police.

The building of Dimona was raided by the police.

The minor's 21-year-old brother was arrested as well. He is a police record.

Several persons alleged sexual relations with Dimona. They have been arrested and are being held in custody.

Simultaneous with the raid, police there arrested a young man known as "Hay."

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Refugees in Lebanon

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mounting subversive activities against the Syrian intervention troops.

A Baalbek resident said that pro-Israeli Baathists as well as PLO elements, and leftists and Communists were currently building up resistance movements against the Syrians and their Christian allies.

He added that a power struggle was going on between the supporters of the rival Ba'ath parties ruling in Syria and Iraq, was taking shape in southern Lebanon in a bid to fill the political vacuum there.

The pro-Syrians were being supported by local Christians now forming their civil defence militias.

Christian leaders in Beirut yesterday accused Iraq of dispatching 800 more troops from the regular Iraqi army via the southern route of Sidon and Tyre to help the PLO-fest forces. The Christian church leader, Chamoun, had earlier said that the Iraqis had some 2,000 troops in Lebanon.

Chamoun said yesterday that on his visit to Damascus on Wednesday he was assured by Syria that it "will spare no effort to end the Lebanese strife within a few weeks."

He said that the Syrians "consider Lebanon's security as their own and will not tolerate any more trouble in Lebanon. Beirut's leading newspaper "An-Nahar" said at the same time that if political means fail, the Syrians "would resort to other methods so that President-elect

Sarkis does not sink in the quicksands of the Lebanese strife."

Heavy fighting was reported yesterday mainly in Beirut where Christian forces said to have punched through with tanks in the frontlines of PLO-leftist held western Beirut.

A number of Moslem leaders said they were trying to persuade the PLO to send delegates to Damascus for negotiating what amounts to a Syrian diktat, heralding the submission of the PLO and their leftist allies to a pro-Syrian Lebanese administration shared by the Christians and Moslems.

The Lebanese said the LAA, which supports the PLO-Moslem camp, had confiscated a large amount of heavy equipment - including bulldozers, scrapers and tractors - from Christians to build the strip. They added that the work, going on now for three months, stretches over four km. and that the LAA plans to pave the strip before the rains come.

The airstrip is located some 15 km. northwest of Khirbat Misgav Am at a site known as Mazra'at Shil Ba'al, west of the town of Nabatiya - which has been a major terrorist stronghold. A Lebanese said he had seen helicopters landing in the area, and that the airstrip was being built for military cargo planes and Mig fighters.

(Earlier reports have said that Soviet experts were building two airstrips in southern Lebanon to serve the PLO-leftist forces.)

For the last few months reports have been coming out of Lebanon that Libyan fighters have already landed in south Lebanon. Military experts in the north of Israel said yesterday that if this information is correct, the situation is dangerous and the behaviour both the terrorists and the LAA have been showing in south Lebanon.

Red Cross: Not informed of cholera in Tripoli

GENEVA - The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has not heard officially of any cholera outbreak in Lebanon's besieged northern port of Tripoli, an official said here yesterday.

She was commenting on a press report that moderate Christian leader Raymond Eddé in Beirut had asked the ICRC for help to control a cholera epidemic in the last-held Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city.

Red Cross officials in Beirut had reportedly said Eddé requested the aid after the epidemic had taken five lives in Tripoli. The Red Cross was to have provided vaccines and medical help through its boat services between Tripoli and Cyprus.

But the ICRC's Geneva headquarters said it was unaware of Eddé's request. (Reuters)

Knesset usher gets 8 months in theft case

Knesset usher Zvi Ben-Gal was sentenced yesterday to eight months in jail and fined IL30,000 for dealing in stolen goods. Ben-Gal was found guilty in Jerusalem District Court of 13 charges relating to IL400,000 in stolen goods.

Ben-Gal's lawyer, Arye Altaratz, claimed that his client had cooperated with the police against his advice. He said Ben-Gal wasn't a criminal and had consorted with criminals only because of an "emotional crisis." He had also agreed to turn state's evidence against the thieves.

In passing sentence the judge said he believed the accused regretted his action and that he would be subject to threats in the future. But he said he was jailing him and giving him a large fine because of the seriousness of the offence.

PATIS - Ticket number 487069 won IL500,000 in this week's Mifal Hapais Lottery. Number 568105 won IL100,000 and number 238310 won IL50,000. All numbers ending in "9" won IL5 each.

NANNIES SIGN WAGE PACT

ARAD - An unusual work agreement was signed here Wednesday between nannies and mothers.

The nannies will net IL600 a month for 120 hours a month, computed on the basis of IL5 an hour. A 50 per cent increase will be granted for watching two children. In addition, a month's leave, insurance, and severance pay are part of the agreement.

The agreement, which takes in about 80 nannies, was arranged by the local Labour Council after it had to deal with many wage disputes over the years in this sector. (Itim)

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MOSHE DAYAN'S "Story of My Life"
reveals never-before-published details of his career as a soldier-politician and his private life.

Serialization of this important autobiography continues today on page 6 of the magazine. Another instalment will appear on Sunday.

Eldar appointed to Lisbon post

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has appointed a veteran diplomat, Ephraim Eldar, deputy-director of the Ministry's Europe Two department, to serve as acting council-general in Lisbon.

Eldar will fill temporarily the post occupied by Consul-General Ya'acov Ya'ar until his sudden death last month. Eldar is due to leave for Portugal at the beginning of next week.

Meanwhile, the minister is casting around for a permanent appointee. Eldar entered the ministry in 1957 and has served in Washington, Helsinki and Vienna, among other important missions. He also served for a while as deputy chief of protocol.

Karaites court has no jurisdiction

The High Court of Justice ruled yesterday that the Karaites religious court has no jurisdiction in the marriages and divorces of the 8,000 or more members of that community.

In passing judgment the court scored the Religious Affairs Ministry for recognizing marriages and divorces carried out by the Karaites court - and even supplying the relevant forms - despite a High Court order of nine years' standing that that procedure should be stopped.

Justices Moshe Landau and Yitzhak Kahan suggested that Karaites marriages and divorces be handled by the district courts but Justice Benzion Shereshevsky believed jurisdiction lay with the rabbinical courts. All three called for urgent legislation to settle the matter.

The Karaites, who consider themselves Jews, do not accept the Talmud. (Itim)

Texts given to needy students

TEL AVIV - The Zionist Panthers are distributing free textbooks to needy students. The leader of the movement, Victor Tzayar, said that the distribution point at the Histadrut club in Jaffa received cash donations as well as books. His group contributed its party tax from the Histadrut for the past four months, about IL5,000.

The Book Publishers' Association, in response to press reports about the high prices of texts, said that they had raised prices by 22.9 per cent, as authorized by the Price Committee last June. The publishers are objecting to the fact that a price hike of 17 per cent was just approved (as of September 1) for Hadara paper mills, which will cause a further price rise in books.

Amit raps Dayan on TV programme

Meir Amit, who has held several senior intelligence positions, said on Israel Television last night that Moshe Dayan opposed the exchange of 5,000 Egyptian prisoners after the Sinai campaign for the Jews imprisoned in the Beer-Habashah affair.

According to Amit, Dayan's reasons were that it would involve a great deal of time and expense to keep the Egyptian prisoners clothed and fed. Amit claimed that Dayan's reasons were not valid.

Amit's appearance on "Mabat" was a preview of a longer interview to be shown tonight on Israel Television.

It was said on television that Dayan, when asked to comment, reported that television was not the place to go into such matters and that he was ready to appear before an appropriate forum.

ROSOLIO
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did not get along with Police Minister Shlomo Hillel.

But a police source discounted both reports. He said there had been the utmost goodwill between Hillel and Rosolio. The source also pointed out that the job of inspector-general is an exhausting and difficult one, and it was only natural to want to retire after a few years.

The police spokesman noted that there had been differences of opinion within the police, as in any organization, but they were not linked to the resignation.

Rosolio has said on a number of occasions that he intends to leave his post shortly, the spokesman said.

Rosolio, 53, was deputy inspector-general in 1972 when his superior, Aharon Sela, died of a heart attack. In his letter of resignation to the Police Minister, he stressed the principle of rotation and said four years was long enough for one man to hold the job. Rosolio is married and has four children.

The man named as probable successor to the post is Nitzav Haim Tavori, head of the police Operations Department. Before assuming his present position, Tavori was the Jerusalem commander and then the commander of the Southern District.

EDAR STRIKE, LOCKOUT END
The lockout at Ramat Gan's Edar electronics plant has ended, and the factory is to resume operations on Sunday.

This was the decision reached yesterday after intervention by the National Labour Court.

The plant had shut the doors on its 500-man work force in early August. The lockout arose following a dispute with the works committee. The management claimed at the time that the latter had impeded the implementation of new production norms.

Both sides agreed yesterday to abide by the existing collective agreements. (Itim)

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The proposal came from union chairman Holon Mayor Pinhas Eylon, who explained that the government has promised to make good its financial obligations. The union's executive had resigned over the Treasury's tardiness in handing over to the cities' some IL300m. still owed them from 1975, as well as allowances in providing funds due for this year.

At the end of last month union representatives, headed by Eylon, hammered out an agreement with the Finance and Interior Ministers. Under this, the Government would turn over to the cities IL200m. of the allocations due them this month, and would see to it that the rest was paid in October.

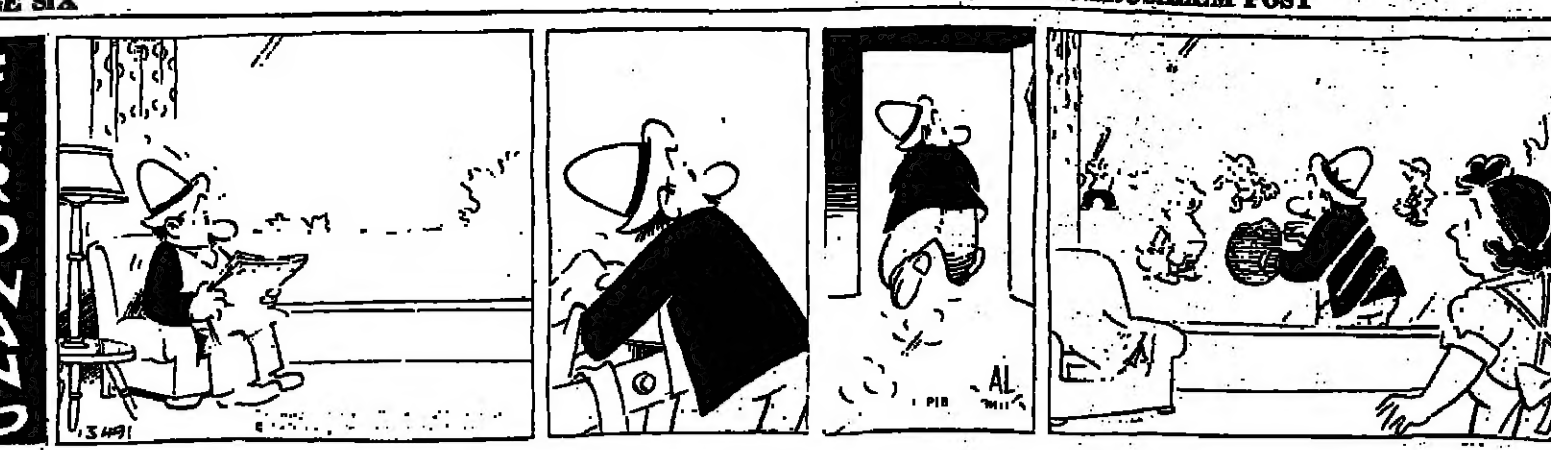
The Interior Minister at the time also undertook to see that the Education Ministry reimburse the cities on time for services which the municipalities had rendered the public on its behalf.

Following this agreement, Eylon announced that he would recommend that the executive rescind its resignations. The reversal came one day before the Knesset was to take up a Likud motion on the dispute between the Government and the local authorities.

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By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
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The trials of the harpist

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS
Yohanan Boehm

WHAT MAKES a musician decide to become a harpist? The harp is a complicated and hyper-sensitive instrument, difficult to master and offering limited "employment" possibilities and few opportunities for solo or ensemble appearances. Furthermore, what induces harpists to participate in Jerusalem's International Harp Contest, which means practicing eight compositions (not of their choice and possibly not even to their liking) for nearly three years, then traveling thousands of miles at their own expense to come to Israel? I omit the agonies of the contest itself, since this and related questions apply to any competition of any kind, anywhere in the world. But — having sat conscientiously through every session of the Sixth International Harp Contest in Jerusalem for the past 10 days, and listening to some 22 hours of harp playing, it is this instrument which engages my thoughts at the moment.

A good hard costs from \$5,000 to \$8,000. (Since our customs regulations classify music as a luxury that has to be paid for accordingly) the cost in Israel rises to about \$10,000. There are not more than three or four orchestra jobs for harpists, and they are occupied on long-term contracts. In other countries, the job situation is most probably similar. And yet there are students filling the classes of good harp teachers.

Some members of the jury, judges who held prominent positions in their home countries believe that the introduction of the Jerusalem contest in 1959 proved to be a turning point in the history of the harp. Suddenly, the harp had become a solo instrument of international importance. Outstanding players and teachers met on neutral ground to discuss common problems, compare schools of training, different approaches to technical and musical attitudes. Prize-winning contestants became world-famous overnight and were invited to perform as soloists with prestigious orchestras. Harp societies were formed: the American Harp Society founded in 1962 under the influence of the Israeli experience now has over 2,000 members. Works were commissioned for the instrument. In particular, Israeli composers, Josef Tal, Sergiu Natra, Ami Mayan, Odedo Pertos, Leon Schidlowsky, to name only a few, wrote works for the contests which are being performed frequently abroad in concerts and in national competitions.

For this, the Sixth Contest, Odedo Pertos wrote a "Mikmor 1973," which was performed in the second round 19 times in four sessions — and it sounded different every time, so much so, that one would have loved to ask the composer (although he was present only at one session) which interpretation was most to his taste and intentions.

On the opening night, we were supposed to hear three Israeli works specially commissioned by Abraham Elkoun, a vice chairman and a most devoted friend of the con-



test to be performed by Pearl Sherok (his wife and a judge of the competition). Unfortunately Miss Sherok's illness and the absence of our two string quartets from the country made this plan impossible to execute. The works, scored for harp and string quartet (or double quartet) were written by Sergiu Natra, Zvi Avni and Noam Sherif, and all three will be published by the Israel Music Institute, which has published most of the harp pieces by Israeli composers.

THIS TIME, 24 contestants participated, aged from 16 to 32, coming from eight countries. The jury consisted of 13 judges, hailing from seven countries, while another 13 guests of honour, from six countries, attended the sessions and at the end joined the deliberations for the programme of the next one, to be held in Jerusalem in 1979. This Contest is, by the way, the only one (to my knowledge) at which the programme of the next one, is announced, thus giving interested candidates ample time to prepare themselves for the ordeal. A new feature was that 12 harp students came here, simply to listen and learn, in order to prepare themselves for future participation in the contest.

Any competition is as much an ordeal of nerves as anything else, and many a good artist has failed in contests because of nervous tension. And from this point of view, the harp is a particularly difficult instrument. If a pianist finds his nerve failing, he can press down on the right pedal and spread a merciful curtain of sound over the proceedings (or so he at least thinks), which hides the contours of structures gone wrong. Not so with the harp — here the seven pedals are used to lower or raise the pitch of the various strings. Any loss of control over the pedals or improper coordination between the hands plucking the strings and the feet changing the pitch is likely to cause chaos in the harmonic or melodic field and the player has a hard time regaining composure. Another of the instrument's handicaps is the frequent tuning necessary. The harp is famous for getting out of tune very easily, particularly if a nervous performer plucks the strings more energetically than is required by the score.

The judges, on the other hand,

must beware of "battle fatigue" if they are to keep their judgement unbiased. In each of the three rounds, every contestant plays for about half an hour. Thus at the present contest, the first round meant 12 hours of listening to three pieces, two of which were always the same. In the second round about nine hours were spent listening to the same three pieces played 19 times. Meritfully, in the third and final round, there will be only six contestants playing two works: the Concerto by Ginastera (unfortunately with piano accompaniment as no symphony orchestra was available for the occasion) and the Danse by Debussy, for which a string ensemble has been organised.

Not every harp student is a genius and the prescribed music is demanding (the Israel Contest is, perhaps, the most difficult in this field). Thus outstanding performances cannot be expected all the time. As one of the judges put it — "It's not easy to produce an outstanding harp player every three years". The Jerusalem Contest has already "made" some harpists in the past. One need only mention Susan Milonin, Martine Gelliot, Chantal Mathien, or Nancy Allen (who played on the opening night of the contest at the Jerusalem Theatre), who were all brought into the limelight by winning first prizes at the Israel Contest.

Indeed, the Contest is becoming a tradition. The winner of the last contest, Nancy Allen, this year brought her younger sister Barbara who fought with honour for the reputation of her family. It was particularly good to greet old friends from the first contest in 1959, among them Maria Korchińska from England, Phila Berghout from Holland, and Eileen Malone from the U.S. And we know that, although he could not participate, Nicanor Zabaleta, the great Basque harpist, remains a great friend.

Who also know that just as winning prizes in competitions is no guarantee for continued success, so failure in contests is not necessarily a sign of failure in the profession. One "failure" has become a respected teacher and brought to this contest two very promising students who achieved honourable placing. Another guest-of-honour who "failed" last time (though winning a special prize in the mini-competition around the Schidlowsky piece), today plays a prominent role in the harp world. Not having forgotten his ordeal three years ago, he paid special attention to the contestants in between sessions, helping to keep up their spirits.

Old friends continue to help. Aharon Zvi Propp, the initiator and director of the International Harp Contest in Israel, in this marvelous project, while new and younger friends are joining the ranks to guarantee the further success and continuity of this example of international cooperation and friendly competition.

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Tracing the history of medicine

ONE OF the outstanding exhibitions at the "Netanya 78" National Stamp Exhibition was a display of stamps tracing the history of medicine from ancient times to our own. A challenge in this type of topical collecting is keeping up with the never-ending flow of new material. A number of new issues in the medical field illustrates the point.

Austria has released a 3 schilling stamp to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Constantin Economo, a pioneer in medical research noted for his achievements in the microscopic anatomy of the brain. He published an "atlas" of the brain in 1925.

In August the U.S. Postal Service released a 13 cent stamp honouring an American nurse who gave her life by volunteering to be a subject in yellow fever experiments. Clara Maas, working with a Cuban-

American medical team, allowed herself to be bitten by a mosquito carrying the disease. She contracted a mild case of yellow fever, and allowed herself to be bitten again. The second bite proved fatal. The stamp honouring her shows her in profile, wearing a nurse's cap.

This month South West Africa (Namibia) is releasing a stamp showing the Katutura state hospital at Windhoek.

Earlier this year, Finland released a stamp paying tribute to the establishment of special hospitals for war invalids, of whom there are some 48,000 in the country. The proceeds from the surcharge on this stamp go towards the building of such hospitals. Another set of Finnish stamps, also carrying surcharges, will be released this month. The proceeds from them will benefit the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Finland.

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South 9♠ 3
East 10♠ 4
West 9♠ 5

A FASCINATING DEFENCE by a member of the Taiwan team at the recent World Bridge Olympiad was reported by the Precision Club of New York.

It was a team-of-four contest and at both tables South opened with a weak two-heart bid and reached the contract of four hearts.

Each West made the opening lead of the spade king. East overtook the king with the ace and returned a spade to the queen. This was followed by the jack of spades. The Taiwan West counted six hearts in the South hand for the opening bid of two hearts, and since three spades had already been played, South could hold at most

four cards in the minors. It was clear to West that declarer had a squeeze going against East if it was denied. Should declarer play the diamond ace and all his hearts, he would have in his hand two diamonds and one club. East could not possibly guard both suits, the squeeze would be made, and the contract would be made.

West tried to prevent the squeeze by an unusual lead — the 13th spade — giving the declarer a free ruff and a shift of a losing card. West hoped this lead would upset the apple cart, which it did.

South thought that this free gift had a purpose. It could be to tempt a ruff in dummy, and then either a defender with four hearts to the 10 would have the setting trick.

So declarer trumped in his hand rather than on the board. He then won two high trumps in the dummy, cashed the club ace, ruffed a club, pulled the last outstanding trump, and was finally forced to take the losing diamond finesse.

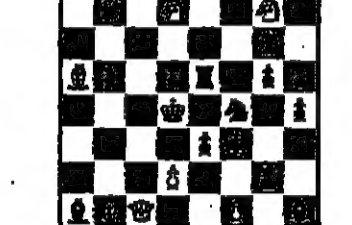
At the replay the North-South pair did successfully play the squeeze. So Taiwan won the deal both ways.

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After Mao, what?

EVEN BEFORE HE DIED, Mao Tse-tung assumed the dimensions of a figure of legend, certainly in his own land. Now that he is gone, his successors, whoever they may turn out to be, can use him as their constant inspiration. His sayings, plastered as they are all over China's walls, are so appropriate that they can serve as guides to action for years to come: there is a Mao quote for just about every conceivable situation.

Yet inspiration from the past cannot be the basis of day-to-day policy-making. The question of Mao's successor, or successors, who will wield power over a nation of 850 million, is therefore all-important. It is also most pertinent, after the past nine months of feverish instability brought on by Premier Chou En-lai's death, the appointment of the little known Hua Kuo-feng in his place, as well as the subsequent disgrace and ouster of Teng Hsiao-ping, the Vice-Premier.

As the campaign against Teng and the "capitalist readers" was being waged by the radicals led by Mao's wife Chiang Ching and her Shanghai clique, both friend and foe of China asked, "If it is taking the Chinese so long to find a No. 2 to Mao, what would it be like when Mao is gone forever?"

For eight months now Hua has been walking a political tightrope, keeping a careful balance between the "two lines," as the two main Peking factions are known in Chinese Communist terminology. Even if Hua officially succeeds Mao, he will still be subject to severe pressures and constraints, since he does not come close to enjoying the kind of prestige and authority that were Mao's hallmark. If no new Chairman is appointed for a while, Hua will be presiding over a collective leadership made up of diverse groupings, and he will have to rely on negotiation, manipulation and compromise to achieve a working consensus.

After Mao's death power in China may of course come, in the late Chairman's well-known aphorism, out of the barrel of the gun. This could literally be the People's Liberation Army. The army has so far kept itself in the background, but it certainly will not maintain a low profile if there is any violent eruption — or a spread of what the "People's Daily" two days ago described as the outbreak of "armed struggle." To this day it is a mystery why the army did not retain power after Mao called it in to put down cultural revolution violence in 1969.

For the world, the biggest question in the Chinese succession will be its effect on relations with the Soviet Union and the United States. Although neither the rift with Moscow, dating back to 1959, nor the rapprochement with Washington, beginning in 1971, were all Mao's work, the departure of the great leader may bring a possible reassessment of China's future course in world affairs. This is what the Russians have been hoping for, and what the Americans have been fearing, for some time. For the Americans the timing, too, right in the middle of a presidential election campaign, could not have been worse chosen.

Yet speculation in this area is extremely hazardous, for the outside world really knows next to nothing about the way the inner mechanism of power operates in Peking. Only this much is reasonably certain, that no one person at the moment exercises effective control over all of China's political factions, and that the battle of succession will be prolonged, with all that this may portend for the world power balance.

Prospects in Lebanon

ALTHOUGH THE CIVIL WAR in Lebanon is still running its ruthless course, and hundreds of people are dying in armed clashes every week, the immediate outcome of the struggle, both military and political, is no longer in any doubt. In a mere six months, the PLO-Leftist alliance has tumbled down from a peak of self-confidence to the valley of despair, while the forces opposed to it are going from strength to strength.

There is a twist of irony in the fact that these forces are now headed by Syria, once viewed as the natural backer of the Palestinians and their radical friends. In retrospect, however, it can easily be seen that the divergence of interests was there from the start, what with one party pushing for bloody revolution and war, and the other opting for agreed reform and preparedness — in a possible confrontation with Israel.

The results of this fateful realignment have been manifested this week in the veritable pilgrimage undertaken by leaders of nearly all sections of the Lebanese population — Christian, Moslem, even Druse — to Damascus. Only Kamal Junblatt and Yasser Arafat were missing, and apparently they are not being missed. Damascus is now the acknowledged arbiter of Lebanon's fate, and it does not need to placate its own enemies. If they reject the overtures apparently made to them recently, the enemies will simply be crushed.

How low the fortunes of the PLO-Leftist alliance have sunk may be gauged from the latest comment by "Pravda" on the Lebanese situation. Along with the now customary demand for the withdrawal of Syrian forces, and the defence of Palestinian rights and the demands of the left, "Pravda" also, for the first time, takes a potshot at the uncompromising attitude of what is termed "ultra-leftist elements" in Lebanon. This is, of course, Moscow's characteristic way of dissociating itself from political elements which it was fully prepared to support so long as their prospects of success seemed bright and promising.

From Israel's vantage point, the main question at this time is, of course, what use Syria is planning to make of its gains in Lebanon. To draw a pacified Lebanon into a "Greater Syria" federation, together with Jordan, would be most tempting. But it may not be especially palatable to the Lebanese Christians. Grateful as they are to Syria for its help, the Christians will not be too eager to be swallowed up in a new political structure ruled largely by Moslems. Their bargaining power is not exactly overwhelming, but their power for mischief is great enough to make the Syrians pause before they themselves cause a fresh upheaval in Lebanon.

IT IS the ugly fate of the ageing national hero to outlive his context, and Mao Tse-tung can be appreciated only within the framework of his formative years as a revolutionary leader. For he judged China by his own early experience, and the outside world — which he never saw — by China.

Political philosophy is shaped by local human conditions and the "Thoughts" of Mao, which have given the world peasant revolution and the doctrine of the guerrilla war of liberation, are no exception. Mao was born to a pretentious national tradition that China was the "Middle Kingdom," the centre and mentor of a world in which the practice of Confucianism marked the limits of true civilization. He was also born at a time when rude, barbarian hands had already humiliated and dismembered a Chinese Empire weakened by corrupt and rapacious Manchu rule.

As a young man, Mao groped for a cure for the afflictions of his sick country, and in 1920 he became a Communist. For several years the Communists collaborated with the Nationalist Party of Chiang Kai-shek, but in April 1927, Chiang massacred their men in Shanghai, and so gave the signal that was to pit Mao against him until one held all China, the other only Formosa.

Mao had to fight the Communists themselves first, however, for he was regarded as a maverick within his own party on two major counts. He laid emphasis on peasant insurrection when the Communists and the orthodox Chinese leaders still insisted that the urban proletariat should be the spearhead of the revolution.

He also flouted current party theory that organized armed units should play only a subsidiary role in what must be a spontaneous revolt of the working masses, and he was condemned for "military adventurism" when he used four regiments as the key force during the Hunan uprising of 1927 in an attempt to take the provincial capital of Changsha.

The assault had to be abandoned, but Mao led his mauled remnant of men to the fastnesses of the Chingkangshan range on the Hunan-Kiangsi border. Putting "The Water Margin" into modern dress in alliance with two local bandit chiefs, he there began to develop his own formula for revolution: the guerrilla army operating amid a friendly mass of peasantry won over by political persuasion and violent land reform in a "liberated" base.

FROM THIS was to stem the Maoist thesis that world revolution depended initially upon insurrection in backward lands mounted by down-trodden peasants, and that the Chinese example. It followed that Peking once more became the mentor of the world; for if the progressive "proletarianization" of China itself stalled there could be no new socialist civilization elsewhere.

This was Mao's contribution to political history: Marxism-Leninism translated into the Chinese idiom. Chiang Kai-shek repeatedly attacked Mao's mountainous "Soviet Republic" in Kiangsi, but only in 1934 did it become untenable. The Communists then broke out of the Nationalist cordon and made the famous "long march" to Yenan in the north-west. From his troglodyte headquarters in that inhospitable region, Mao masterminded the campaign that roused China's peasants against the Japanese invader, and opened the final round against Chiang.

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I am not a military expert, so I don't know whether we would have had an easy victory had the officers concerned been on the ball. But I think it is safe to assume that, in this case, the Egyptians could not have crossed the Canal as easily as they did, that the war would have been of shorter duration, and that our losses would not have been as high as they were.

Since Mr. Gillon was not satisfied with the findings of the Agrarian Commission, he states that judicial commissions are no good in general and cannot provide just solutions to our problems. In my humble opinion, the trouble is not with the commissions. The trouble is that some people are not ready to accept the findings of a commission, or of a court of law for that matter. If these findings do not correspond with their own opinion and prejudices.

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Mao — the creator of modern China

The right man at the right moment

A BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE BY DENNIS BLOODWORTH

Mao did not just fight guerrilla — he lived guerrilla. His policy towards the peasants who were the "water" in which the Maoist fighting-fish must swim was flexible. He created a "revolutionary high tide" in 1928 by ruthlessly liquidating landlords in "liberated" areas and distributing land among the poor, but for decades he tolerated the "rich peasant," who had an essential economic function until the moment arrived for full collectivization.

In the same way the "New Democracy," which he introduced once all China was within his grasp, offered a place in society for the petit-bourgeois and the loyal national bourgeois (as well as the peasants and workers) — as long as they were needed.

His faith in mass strength and consequent desire for wide national unity prompted him to try to reform the unworthy and the dissident rather than destroy them. His practical sense led him into tactical compromises. He was only rigid in his ends, never in his means.

Mao was convinced that the subjective human will could overcome all objective obstacles, and that the Chinese people could be given that will if properly instructed. The spirit of indoctrinated man in the mass was mightier than the negation, and China should rely for its defence on its millions rather than modern gadgetry. The Chinese were therefore subjected to a never-ending process of kneading and shaping, of education and "rectification."

One of Mao's earliest rectification campaigns was designed to repudiate "foreign formalism" and by implication the mouthings of Soviet-trained Chinese Communists who had persistently opposed him in the past. His reservations about Russians — he visited Moscow only twice — have been one of the most important single factors in contemporary history.

Mao respected Stalin at least as much as he distrusted him, but he was contemptuous of the man that followed him, and regarded as an impertinence the Russian claim that the Soviet Union under Khrushchev should still be accorded primacy within the Socialist camp.

Moreover, since he profoundly believed in the never ending need to exert the human will, he refused to condone a Moscow leadership which complacently cited the Marxist dictum that Communist victory was historically inevitable anyway. This implied that the holy cause of permanent world revolution could look after itself, and was seemingly used to justify such heresies as "modern revisionism" and peaceful coexistence with the capitalist enemy. And after Khrushchev denounced the dead Stalin in 1956, Sino-Soviet relations went from bad to worse.

BY 1956, however, the years of Mao the mass were drawing to a close, the years of Mao the god were ap-

proaching, and perhaps the urge to outstrip the Russians, and to establish Peking as the ideological capital of the world once more, was responsible more than anything else for this unsatisfactory apotheosis.

Mao had unified China under the Chinese and made its voice heard as a Great Power once again. But a new impatience now began to mar that flawless instinct for flexibility and timing. In 1958 I watched weary Chinese workers dangerously overtaxing their health and their machines, and Chinese farmers judging their production statistics to comply with orders for a Great Leap Forward in output that would enable China to "overtake Britain in 15 years."

The Great Leap was accompanied by the formation of People's Communes designed to regroup the entire rural population in huge regimented blocks of collectivized

People's Liberation Army was top-heavy with generals who no longer saw eye to eye with Mao.

From the day of its proclamation in October 1949, the People's Republic had been beset from the outside. The Americans had re-armed Chiang in Formosa, manned a string of military bases around the Chinese mainland, and pursued a hard, menacing policy of Communist "containment."

By 1950 their troops were in Korea at one end of China, and by 1955 they were in Vietnam at the other. The Sino-Soviet honeymoon had meanwhile ended when the Russians cancelled technical aid to China in 1960, and one year after that the first major clash between Russian and Chinese troops occurred along the angry scar across the midriff of Asia that marks their common frontier.

The traumatic experience of Chinese commanders in Korea, where the firepower of the American "paper tiger" took appalling toll of their "human sea" of underarmed troops, convinced most of them that China must have well-equipped and professional armed forces versed in modern tactics and strategy. Mao was not against modernization, of course, but his main answer to the mounting threats around him was still that any invader would be drowned in a "hostile ocean" of Chinese masses.

MAO'S MAIN business abroad — as at home — was with revolution, and as a champion of "people's wars" against the oppressor, he was back to the "younger brother" who was fighting for his existence against the American aggressor in Vietnam. For if his own revolutionary line was to be proved correct, Hanoi had to win.

In 1965, Mao unleashed the disruptive "Great Cultural Revolution." Attacked at successive party conferences between 1958 and 1966, he had clung to his "mass line" and the guerrilla principles of his Yenan days which alone, he felt, could inspire the "successors" of the next generation to maintain the impetus of the revolution.

A leader who had kept his place at the apex by cutting down a long line of critical friends and enemies over the turbulent years, he none the less found his vision obstructed by the entrenched Communist establishment under President Lin Biao-chi, a vast party and administrative apparatus with a vested interest in peace and quiet, and pragmatic policies reminiscent of the infamous Soviet hierarchy across the border.

True to his principles, Mao prepared to rouse the revolutionary millions against his "revisionist" elite, as he had earlier roused them against Chiang. Believing firmly that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun," he lined up mass support for himself in the army, and under the direction of Marshal Lin Piao, the troops were the first to be fed his little red book of quotations in a drive to make his "Thought" gospel that his detractors would not dare to assail.

In 1966 millions of students imbued with revolutionary fervour by the Chairman's fourth wife, Chiang Ch'ing, flung themselves into the initial destructive phase of the Cultural Revolution against all that was bourgeois and reactionary. In January of the following year these "Red Guards," together with "revolutionary rebels" drawn from among workers and peasants, were urged to "seize power, smash the old bureaucratic system, and establish a new proletarian order."

A "Shanghai Commune" was set up by the mob in that city, and the rest of the country urged to follow suit. The party and administrative machines that had defied Mao was hacked to pieces, and by 1971 China had a new Communist Party with a new draft constitution that named the "Thoughts of Mao" and named Vice-Chairman Lin Piao his successor.

But the moderates reassessed themselves. When the Cultural Revolution degenerated into a fierce struggle between warring factions and much of the country sank into a state of anarchy, Mao was compelled



labour, eating in mess halls and marching to the fields like deprogrammed army recruits.

Mao's "Thoughts" are full of simple, uplifting advice — to be frugal, hard-working, courageous, devoted to society and not self. But his commands were up against the golden call of pragmatism — in party cadre, peasant, and professional officer. Moreover the Great Leap Forward proved a disaster that nearly wrecked the economy, and the unwieldy communes had to be broken down again into manageable agricultural production teams.

Peasants who had supported Mao when he gave them land now sabotaged crash collectivization with all the guile of their kind, economists undermined the folly of the Great Leap, internationalists blamed his prejudices and his ignorance of the outside world for China's strained relations with the Soviet Union, and soldiers who had served him loyally inveighed against the "mass line" concept of a jet-age national defence based on millions of half-trained local militia. For the

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Sir, — True to himself, Philip Gillon again did not hesitate to bend the facts to suit his own opinions and convictions.

When he stepped on August 27 that the Bar-Lev line and the Golan defences were as fragile as the Maginot line, he conveniently forgot to mention that, on October 6, 1973, the Bar-Lev line was neither manned nor equipped to withstand a major attack by the enemy, and that the situation on the Golan was not much different.

I am not a military expert, so I don't know whether we would have had an easy victory had the officers concerned been on the ball. But I think it is safe to assume that, in this case, the Egyptians could not have crossed the Canal as easily as they did, that the war would have been of shorter duration, and that our losses would not have been as high as they were.

Since Mr. Gillon was not satisfied with the findings of the Agrarian Commission, he states that judicial commissions are no good in general and cannot provide just solutions to our problems. In my humble opinion, the trouble is not with the commissions. The trouble is that some people are not ready to accept the findings of a commission, or of a court of law for that matter. If these findings do not correspond with their own opinion and prejudices.

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JEWISH LAWYERS IN THE U.S.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — My article about Jewish Lawyers in the Bicentennial Magazine obviously provoked Richard Cohen (August 27ed). It was, as I suggested, intended to raise the question whether the hunger for success of American Jewish lawyers serves as a metaphor for Jews in modern America. Mr. Cohen's reply indicates the importance of that question.

Mr. Cohen tells us much about the American Jewish Congress, of which he is an officer, but my article was about the legal profession and justice, not Jewish organisations or Stephen S. Wise. I am particularly concerned about lawyers, not because I am self-righteous, but because I care about justice, which lawyers are uniquely situated to provide or deny. It is certainly true (as I wrote) that Jewish lawyers have been quite conspicuous in civil liberties and civil rights efforts; indeed, far disproportionate to their numbers. But that does not con-

tradict the fact that an overwhelming majority have been far more committed to the personal ethic of success than to any social ethic of justice. I could add many more names to Mr. Cohen's short list of Jewish lawyers committed to law as an instrument of justice — probably enough to equal the partnership roster of any large Jewish corporate law firm on Park Avenue.

If, as Mr. Cohen suggests, I have the impression that reverence for law and love of country are "outrageously venal" acts, I did not intend to do so. Whether they are, of course, depends upon the nature of the laws and the country. Some of us who have lived in the United States in recent years may wish that our country had given us less reason to despair and more justification for love. Unfortunately, wishing has not made it so.

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KEY MEN IN AN EMERGENCY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I was happy to read that Labour Minister Moshe Baran said that it would be wise for the country's industrialists "to gear their plants for a national emergency" (September 2). I said the same thing three years ago during the Yom Kippur War when I visited kibbutzim

which had to send back volunteers because they had too many of them, but had many activities paralyzed because of the absence of key men for whom they had no replacements.

Now that Mr. Baran has formulated this idea, let us hope he will do something to implement it soon.
Jerusalem. DR. NATHAN VISKIN

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